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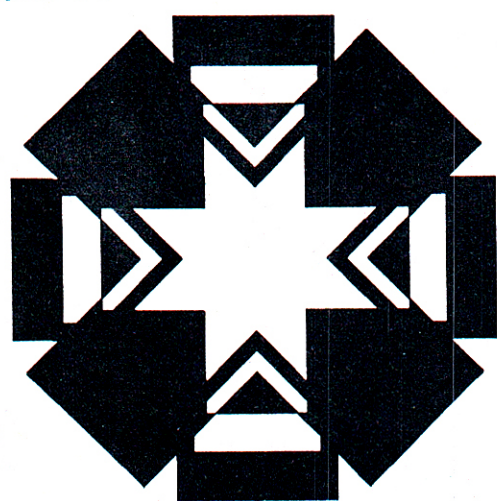
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TRIBAL TRACTS



Upton in Duke TIP program

Amy Upton, a freshman at Seminole High School will attend Duke University at Durham, N.C. this summer.

This is the third year Upton has been accepted in the Talent Identification Program (TIP) offered for students in seventh through 10th grades by Duke University.

She previously studied the Japanese and German languages and this year will be taking Advanced German.

Upton is the daughter of Mike and Carolyn Upton of Seminole.

She is a honor student, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, a member of the French Club, and a member of the Drama and Debate Teams.

The TIP Summer Residential Programs offer students the opportunity to learn highly challenging material at rates commensurate with their abilities.

Classes meet six hours Monday through Friday and three hours on Saturdays.

Students also attend a one-hour study hall each evening. Students live and attend classes on Duke University's West campus, where they meet students from across the United States as well as from several foreign countries.

Participants in the summer program complete the equivalent of a one year High School course or a one semester college course.

The eligibility criteria for acceptance in TIP is based primarily on scores earned on one of the two major college entrance examinations, the SAT or ACT.

Mock wins prize for basket entry in Red Earth contest

Philip Mock, an 11-year-old Edmond Public Schools student, recently won a second place award for his double-walled basket at the Red Earth Festival Youth Art competition. His second place award was in the cultural items category and in Division I: 9-12 years old. This was the first time that Philip placed an entry in the Red Earth competition, and he was very excited. His basket was a result of skills he learned through the Johnson O'Malley cultural enrichment program in Edmond. Philip, who is the son of Julie and Jimmy Mock, will start the 6th grade in the fall.

Walking on

PAUL ZIEGLER ADAMS

Paul Ziegler Adams, of Nevada, MI passed away September 28, 1993. Paul was born December 22, 1907, the son of Flora Ziegler Adams and T.K. Adams. His maternal grandparents were Eleanor Ziegler Bourassa and Frank Ziegler. Frank Ziegler was the U.S. Marshall in Indian Territory. His grandmother, Eleanor Ziegler Bourassa,

was the daughter of Jude Bourassa. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

In June, 1928 Paul married Mary Genevieve Brooks. He was a supervisor at the Missouri State Hospital in Nevada, Missouri. He enjoyed his membership in the Potawatomi Tribe and was a dedicated husband and father.

Paul is survived by his wife, a son, Donald, three daughters Joann of California, Elaine and Janet of Nevada, Missouri. One daughter died in infancy. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

DEBBY REINHARDT-COHEN

Debby Dike Reinhardt-Cohen, advancement administrator for Texas Wesleyan University, died June 6, 1996, at home.

Funeral services were held at Shannon North Funeral Chapel. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Texas Wesleyan University Advancement Department or American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Reinhardt-Cohen was a lifelong resident of Fort Worth. She graduated from North Side High School in 1967. She was member of University Park Church, formerly Church on the Rock.

In 1995, Mrs. Reinhardt-Cohen received her bachelor of science degree from Texas Wesleyan University, where she was a member of the Mortar Board.

Survivors include her husband, James B. Cohen of Fort Worth; mother Wanda and father T.D. Dike of Fort Worth; brother Jimmy Dike of Port Arthur; and niece Cateche Dike of Kilgore.

LAWRENCE (LARRY) STEWART

Larry Stewart, beloved son of Betty

Hutton, passed away suddenly June 19, 1996.

Larry was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 2, 1954. The family moved back to Oklahoma City in 1967. Larry attended school in Oklahoma City and then spent four years in the United States Army, three years stationed in Germany. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Oklahoma with his family. He worked for several years with an electric company in Oklahoma City, and then went to work for the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

Larry's hobbies were fishing and spending time with his mother and family at Eufaula Lake. Larry had a special fondness for animals and kids.

Larry was preceded in death by his sister, Judy Grace, and grandson Josh Stewart.

He is survived by his sister, Darlene Griffin of Oklahoma City; daughters Denise, Elaine and Felicia Stewart; sons Kim and Robby Stewart; wife Carleana and best friend "Butch"; niece Darla Ferguson; nephews, James Ferguson, Rob and Eric Grace; four grandchildren; a great-nephew, and three great-nieces, along with a host of friends.

Larry's willingness to help people, his quick smile, and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

MARY JO STUBBS

Mary Jo Stubbs passed on June 23, 1996, after an extended illness. She was born in Wanette, OK, December 12, 1928, to Mary Alice LaReau and William Alison Taylor. She spent her formative years in Wanette. Later the family moved to Shawnee where she graduated

from high school with the Class of 1945. She was elected homecoming queen during her last year in school.

In 1946, Mary married her high school sweetheart, Rex Stubbs, and accompanied him to the West Coast for a tour of duty where they would remain. In 1979, Mary retired from Liberty National Bank in Oklahoma City and joined Rex as co-founder of Village Art Lamp Company. She retired from Village Art in 1994.

Mary will be remembered as a loyal and loving wife, mother, sister and friend. Her gentle and soft-spoken manner will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

In addition to Rex, Mary leaves behind a daughter, Marion and son-in-law, John Matlock; son, Stewart Stubbs and wife, Deni; and daughter Alison and son-in-law Joe Dunaway; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, several nieces and nephews, one great-nephew and one great-niece.

Also remaining is the family Border Collie, Mike, who loved her.

TROY RHODD (Corrected Version)

Troy Rhodd died April 28, 1996, in Santa Rosa, California. He is survived by his children Edward, Thomas, Ryan, Sarah and William "Hubba" Rhodd, and his parents Bobbie and Leo Graff.

Born Jan. 28, 1948, he was a Sonoma County resident for 10 years. He loved to play guitar and was a dedicated Potawatomi. He was a good-hearted man and will always be loved by his children.

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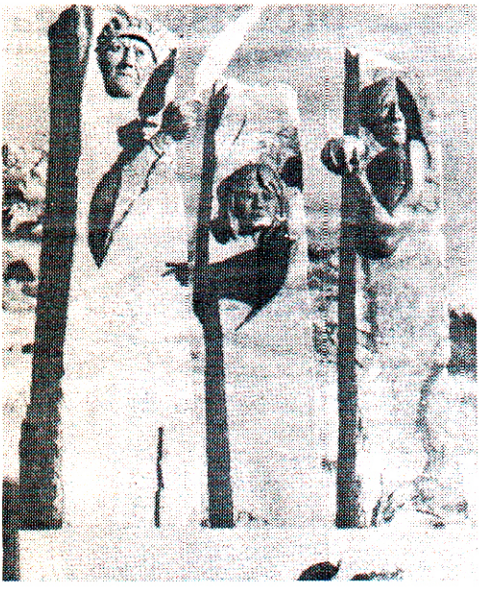
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Haskew wins grant for huge sculpture at Mariana Butte

Tribal member Denny Haskew has been awarded a Loveland (Colorado) Visual Arts Commission grant for monumental sculpture at Mariana Butte Golf Course following a juried competition.

Funding was made possible through the city's One Percent for Art Ordinance. Phase one of the multiple figure project was dedicated at Mariana Butte in May.

The series of stone and bronze figures in phase one is titled "The Greeters." The largest figure is more than 11 feet tall. The three figures are "Observe Nature" (young boy), "Give of Yourself" (young woman), and "Respect All That Is Natural: (aged man).

The second phase, titled "Discovery," is to be completed next year. It will also have three figures — hunter/gatherer, pioneer figure, and a figure representing people in the area today.

It will have sandblasted stone bearing an ancient message reportedly given by an Iroquois chief named Peacemaker. The "Greeters' Message" on the stone will read: "Think not forever of yourselves, O Chiefs. Not of your own generation. Think of continuing generations of our families, think of our grandchildren, and of those yet unborn whose faces are coming from beneath the ground."

Haskew says, "When I first visited the site all I could think about was how striking the view was and how close to nature it made me feel.

"So I based my piece completely on nature, which might not be considered a golf sculpture on the surface, but when you think about it, golf is one of the things we do outdoors because we love to be part of the natural beauty of the surroundings.

"My sculptures are all statements about nature. I'm trying to educate people on the oneness of it all. Everything is alive, even stone." The Mariana Butte work is a two-year project for Haskew.

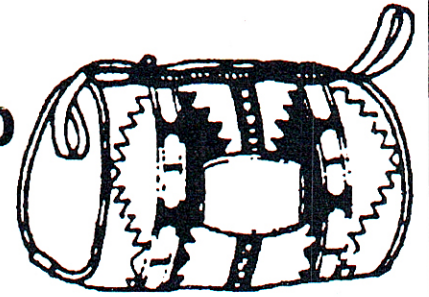
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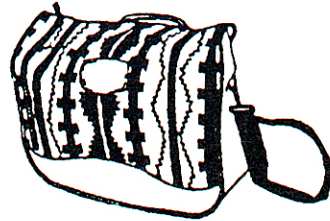
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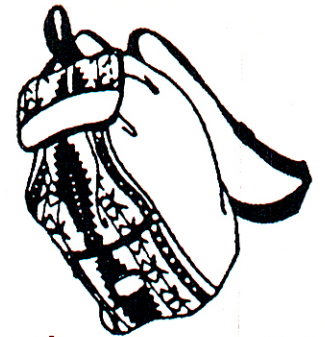
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Tribal rolls records reflect history of the tribe

By GWEN E. KING

If the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal rolls appear to be a monotonous collection of names and addresses, look again.

Tribal rolls safeguard the heritage of the Potawatomi people and conserve the history of the tribe. Birth and adoption records, death and cemetery records, blood degrees, vintage photographs, census rolls and other genealogical data are all consolidated in the roll files.

Because each file is carefully maintained, tribal rolls director Mary Farrell can tell at a glance that Edith O'Bright and Charlotte Wamego are the oldest tribal members still living and that Isaac Kahdot is the only remaining full-blood Potawatomi. (Mrs. O'Bright was born in 1894 and Mrs. Wamego was born in 1887.) Tribal roll records date to 1887 when the first 144 Potawatomis received certificates of allotment.

"It's a lot more detailed than people think it is," Farrell said.

The tribal rolls office is located in the administration building in an office filled with computer software, file cabinets, bookcases and a microfilm machine. The equipment is used to catalog the history of all 22,702 tribal members, from Kahdot to the Potawatomi with one/one-thousandth blood quantum. Most of the information is available to members who would like to research their ancestry or to find missing relatives.

"We do that a lot," Farrell said. "It's amazing how many families have split and, I think as they get older, want to get back in touch."

Though research and genealogy are an important pursuit of the department, another of equal significance is adding Potawatomis to the tribal rolls.

Anyone who would like to apply for tribal membership is invited to do so and can expect the process to take about three months, Farrell said. Applicants are asked to complete an enrollment form and, after eligibility is proved, the application is ratified by the Business



Tribal Rolls Assistant Kathryn Hallam, Seated, And Director Mary Farrell, Standing, Check A Computer Entry. Not Pictured Is Assistant Corena Underwood.

Committee. Under the tribal constitution, the burden of proof is on the applicant.

"Previously you had to be one-eighth Potawatomi or born before June 29, 1961, to be eligible, but on April 3, 1989, the rolls were opened by direct descendancy," Farrell said.

Direct descendancy means anyone with a relative listed on the 1937 Oklahoma Potawatomi census roll, or whose relative may have been eligible but was not listed, can qualify for tribal membership. Relatives include mother, father, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, great-aunt, uncle, great-uncle or anyone else in the direct line of descendancy. Eligibility is usually proved through birth, death or adoption

certificates.

Many people call Farrell's office and ask about benefits available to tribal members. Among the benefits are dental and medical care and tribal scholarships for college. Other benefits are accessible through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The best "benefit," however, is to anyone who enrolls because he or she is proud to be Potawatomi — even to those with very little Potawatomi blood, Farrell said.

"You'd be surprised how many with so little blood quantum are so proud of what they have and of their heritage," Farrell said. "I don't feel that blood matters — it's what's in your heart."



Tribal Rolls director proud of Indian heritage

Mary Farrell has been director of Citizen Nation Potawatomi tribal rolls since 1989 when the roll was opened by direct descendancy. She is Wyandotte and a native Oklahoman.

"I'm very proud of my Indian heritage," she said.

Farrell explained the Wyandotte were originally from the Great Lakes area as were Potawatomis. Both tribes were removed to Oklahoma from Kansas at about the same

time, she said.

Along with maintaining the tribal rolls, Farrell keeps books for Farrell Construction Company, a family-owned construction and excavation business which she calls "Native American owned and operated." To relax, she knits afghans and sweaters, and she enjoys babysitting her seven grandchildren. She and husband Jack will celebrate 42 years of marriage in November.

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Incumbent Motley easily defeats former chairman, annual general council celebrates successful year

By GLORIA TROTTER

The chairman received a standing ovation, the incumbent Business Committee member won re-election, and tribal enterprises reported a successful year at the 1996 General Council June 29.

The well-attended, peaceful and positive meeting was marred only by the report of an embarrassingly low voter turnout in the tribal election. Election Committee officials announced that only 635 ballots were cast even though the tribe has about 15,000 eligible voters.

"This is the lowest level of participation since we began absentee ballots," noted Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett. "We had less requests for absentee ballots that we had people at the Regional Councils." Barrett said that tribal leaders have already begun to consider ways to increase voter participation, including the possibility of mailing everyone forms with prepaid return envelopes, "like we do with secretarial elections ... we will probably entertain a number of those suggestions."

Business Committeeman Jerry P. Motley easily won re-election over challenger Leon Bruno, a former tribal chairman. Motley polled a total of 393 votes to Bruno's 145 (see chart for complete election returns). Jo Ann Johnson, appointed to the Grievance Committee when Gene Bruno became Secretary-Treasurer of the Business Committee, won election to the post over two other candidates. Johnson had 288 votes with Edward Scott Bruno coming in second with 148 and Philip Keith Pruner third with 92.

Both budget questions were approved by large majorities.

Both the election results and the tenor of the General Council meeting reflected general satisfaction among tribal members in Shawnee for the annual meeting and pow-wow. Only one complaint was voiced during the question and answer session that traditionally wraps up the council, and it also provided the biggest laugh of the day.

Tribal member Janet Wright of Washington D.C. rose to invite everyone to the Native American Inaugural Ball planned for January 1997 and then went on present her complaint. She said she noticed a couple of years ago that more prize money is given to men than to women competing in the Potawatomi Pow-Wow. "I was told that it was



Jerry Motley, Gene Bruno Take Oath Of Office From Judge Phil Lujan During General Council

tradition, and that it costs men more for their regalia," she said. "I've spent two years researching this, and it's not true. We're practically the only tribe that does it, and I'm ashamed."

Wright's remarks prompted a lively response from the crowd, especially the

women, who stood and applauded her. In the meantime, Barrett began sliding down behind the podium as if to dodge incoming fire. When the applause died down, he looked around and then told Wright that "the woman that runs this pow-wow is going to get an earful,"

referring to pow-wow coordinator Esther Lowden, who was not in the room at the time.

Other highlights of the council were two presentations. One was to Frank Bush of the Huron Potawatomi, who was visiting for the weekend. Barrett praised Bush for his help to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, adding that "if not for the generous heart of people like Frank Bush ... we would lose much more than we already have" of tribal traditions and wisdom. Barrett presented Bush with a fan of eagle feathers, a gift from Regional Director Lu Ellis who also made the fan.

Also honored was Angela Riley, recipient of the \$2,000 Wilfred Bibb Memorial Scholarship. Riley, an honor graduation of Oklahoma University, is a first year law student at Harvard and co-chairman of the Indian Students Association there. She was presented with a shawl.

As is the custom, reports on various aspects of the tribal administration were presented at the council. Here is a summary of some of the remarks:

• *J.D. Colbert, Tribal Administrator*—Colbert said the tribe as "met a number of challenges" in the past year and is highly

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ELECTION ABSTRACT POTAWATOMI TRIBAL ELECTION JUNE 29, 1996

	Absentee	Live	Total
Committeeman #1			
Jerry P. Motley	239	154	393
Robert Leon Bruno	62	83	145
Grievance Committee			
Office #2			
Edward Scott Bruno	68	80	148
Philip Keith Pruner	66	26	92
Jo Ann Johnson	161	127	288
Budget: Land, Development, Maintenance			
Yes	256	178	434
No	42	60	102
Budget: Tribal Pharmacy			
Yes	268	195	463
No	29	43	72



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Special Guest Frank Bush Was Honored With An Eagle Feather Fan For His Help To The Tribe In The Language And Cultural Program



Youngest At General Council Was Katelyn Joyce Lisle, 13 Months Old



Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Right, Visits With Janet Wright, Left, Of Washington, D.C., At General Council Meeting



Jim LaClair Of Wasilla, Alaska, Travelled Farthest To Attend General Council

'Substantial investment' in tribal enterprises highlights year

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respected across Indian Country. He said membership is now "just under 23,000, which makes us the 10th largest tribe."

• **Larry Briggs, President of First National Bank** — Briggs praised the bank's "terrific board of directors" for their "great insight." He said the bank's assets grew by more than 10 percent during the past year, while the bank's closest competitor grew by only five percent. He also cited a 30 percent growth in loans (compared to four percent for the nearest local competitor) and said it should be "at least that good" this year. He urged tribal members to use the bank for savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

• **Michael Minnis, General Counsel** — Minnis reviewed the status of the tribe's lawsuit against the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe. "We lost in Administrative Law Court," he said, but when a motion for summary judgment made in 1992 finally came up in May, it was granted and "gave us a complete victory ... they are now under permanent injunction to ask the Potawatomi's permission to take land into trust." The Shawnees have appealed, he said, but "the Tenth Circuit has already indicated how it will rule." He also noted that the state still has not paid oil and

gas money due the tribe. "It seems you can't get the state to honor anything where the tribe is concerned," he said.

• **John Dillon, With The Tribe's Accounting Firm** — Dillon said the tribe's equity was at \$18.1 million as of Sept. 30, 1995, up from \$16.9 the year before. Government revenue was up \$600,000, to a total of \$5.3 million, and operating revenue rose to \$13.4 million, from \$11.2 million. The tribe purchased or constructed fixed assets of \$3.5 million during fiscal year 1995, and received the Government Finance Office Accounting award for the seventh straight year.

Barrett noted that it "wasn't our biggest profit year, but not our smallest either." He cited the "substantial investment in the bank and bowling center, and said the bank's stock, purchased for below book value, is now at 1.5 or 2 times book value. He said Fire Lake Lanes is very popular and "has increased our visibility in the community," and the golf course charted 51,000 rounds of golf and 115 tournaments in the past year.

When an elder in the audience noted that "Rocky's leadership is reflected in what this tribe has become," the large audience gave the chairman a standing ovation.

In answer to a question from Regional Director Rocky Baptiste, Barrett said that future plans may include expanding the RV park, a roller hockey/in-line skating rink, water park and particularly a four-plex softball

field. "Some on the Business Committee want to pay as we go, and one wants to borrow a lot through bonds and pay it back," he said.

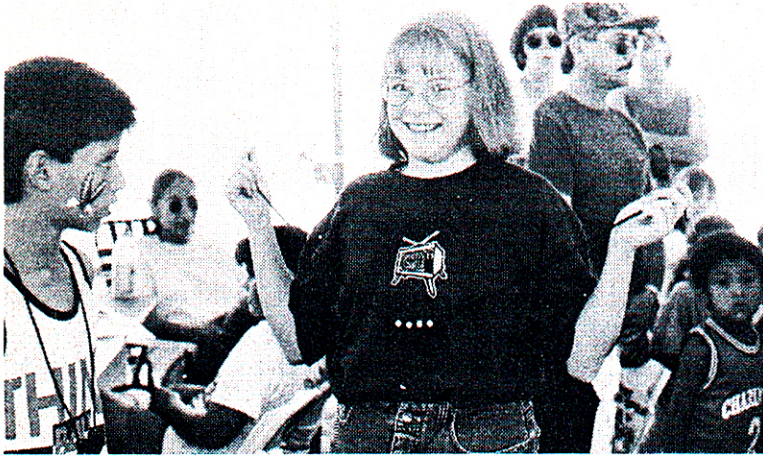
The chairman also endorsed suggestions to put in a playground for children at the pow-wow grounds and to have tribal members wear name tags including their tribal family names while in town for the festivities. Another suggestion was that gourd dancing be scheduled so that it does not conflict with the General Council in the future.

Earlier in the session, Judge Phil Lujan arrived to swear in the newly-elected tribal officials. Before doing that, Lujan asked to speak for a few moments while noting "it is inappropriate for the judicial system to become involved in the political process." The highly respected judge went on to say that "currently the Potawatomi tribe is a tribe that has that kind of stability, philosophy" that is needed in Indian Country.

In the old days, Lujan said, the question was "When we break camp, which way do we go to find game?" Today, he said, "it's still a life and death decision" when tribes face economic concerns.

He praised the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as "progressive and business-oriented" with a "stable, predictable government."

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Learning can be fun!

Potawatomi youngsters had lots of activities to choose from during the annual Pow-Wow — activities designed to teach them about their heritage while enjoying themselves. Above, a proud young lady displays the necklace she made to a friend, who is "wearing" some special face painting. At right, kids are intent on a game of Indian dice. (Photos by Gloria Trotter)



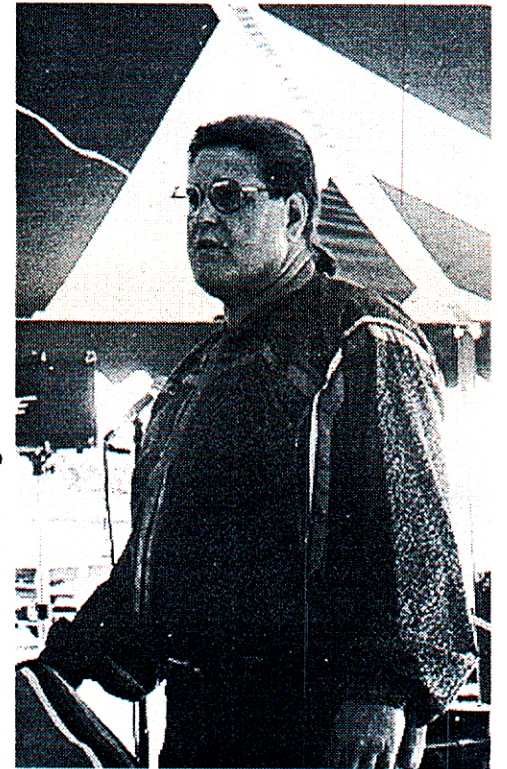
Health Services Helps Out

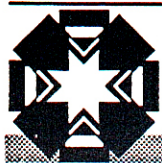
Free health screenings, as usual, drew lots of takers to Health Services. Above, Loretta Miller goes over some material with Norma Little of Shawnee. Below, Oleta Holloway of Ada and Kathleen Johnson of Monroe, La., have their blood pressure checked.



Worship Service

Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker, right, once again planned worship services at the Pow-Wow Grounds for campers and anyone else who wanted to come. Special music by the group pictured below was a popular new feature. (Photos by Linda Capps)





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Business Committee, Regional Representatives, Tribal Officials Line Up In Arena



Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Presents Five Dollar Bill To Tiny Tot Dancer



Even The Smallest Dancers Were Decked Out In Elaborate Regalia



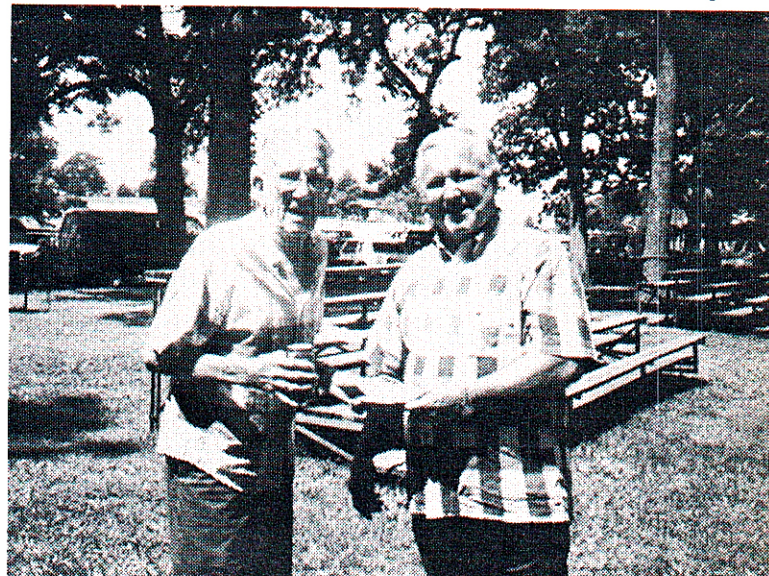
Chairman Barrett With Humidor Presented To Him



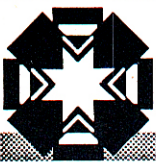
Gourd Dancers Braved The Searing Heat Each Day



A Record Number Of Dancers Registered For Competition This Year



Hubert Spalding Again Won The Horseshoe Tournament



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1996 Potawatomi Pow-Wow Dance Competition Winners

Junior Girls Cloth

- 1st: Jeana Rush, Ponca City, OK
- 2nd: Sonya Liles, Lawton, OK
- 3rd: Lucy McAllen, Ponca City, OK
- 4th: Erin Plumey, Oklahoma City, OK

Junior Girls Jingle

- 1st: Tahfa Bushee, Watonga, OK
- 2nd: B.J. McDaniel, Oklahoma City, OK
- 3rd: K.C. Hindsley, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- 4th: Dorothy Crowfeather, Minneapolis, MN

Junior Girls Buckskin

- 1st: Ponka-We Victors, Wichita, KS
- 2nd: Toni Kaulaity, Del City, OK
- 3rd: Nicole Plumley, Oklahoma City, OK
- 4th: Andee Stumbling Bear, Carnegie, OK

Junior Girls Fancy Shawl

- 1st: Samarra Yearby, Overbrook, OK
- 2nd: Rachelle Tosee, Fletcher, OK
- 3rd: Thoseyah Poemoceah, Cyril, OK
- 4th: Staci Juneau, Cushing, OK

Junior Boys Straight

- 1st: Howard Cozad, Lawton, OK
- 2nd: Chad Toehay, Anadarko, OK
- 3rd: Betsy Brown, Pawnee, OK
- 4th: Hyde Toppah, Weatherford, OH

Junior Boys Grass

- 1st: Marty Thurman, Shawnee, OK
- 2nd: Keeno Gallegos, Denver, CO
- 3rd: Marvin Red Elk, Minneapolis, MN
- 4th: Nicholas Hunter, Shawnee, OK

Junior Boys Traditional

- 1st: Dorrell Cable, Geronimo, OK
- 2nd: Kenneth Cozad, Lawton, OK
- 3rd: Elvis Keel, Fletcher, OK
- 4th: Hatak Yearby, Overbrook, OK

Junior Boys Fancy

- 1st: Junior Jaquez, Oklahoma City, OK
- 2nd: Sly Issac, Oklahoma City, OK
- 3rd: Wesley Doyeto, Albuquerque, NM
- 4th: D.J. Yarholer, Oklahoma City, OK

Senior Women's Cloth

- 1st: Sandy Tate Nevaquaya, Apache, OK
- 2nd: Laura Warrior, Tonkawa, OK
- 3rd: Malia Smith, Shawnee, OK
- 4th: Yvonne Tomahsah, Apache, OK

Senior Women's Jingle

- 1st: Bobbie Tahchawickah, Cyril, OK
- 2nd: Erica Hart, Red Lake, MN
- 3rd: Julia Harragarra, Lakewood, CO
- 4th: Jaycene Windy Boy, Box Elder, MT

Senior Women's Buckskin

- 1st: Jackie WhiteBuffalo, Anadarko, OK
- 2nd: Danielle Primeaux, Norman, OK
- 3rd: Linda Tsonetokoy, Germantown, MD
- 4th: Alice Ann Kaulaity, Norman, OK

Senior Women's Fancy Shawl

- 1st: Bonnie Tomahsah, Apache, OK
- 2nd: Tracy Moore, Fairfax, OK
- 3rd: Becky Hawpetoes, Keshena, WI
- 4th: Michelle Bushy, Watonga, OK

Golden Age Women

- 1st: Mary Ann Anquoe, Tulsa, OK
- 2nd: Alta Reyes, Thomas, OK
- 3rd: Remonia Jacobsen, Perkins, OK

Senior Men's Straight

- 1st: Terry Tsothig, Anadarko, OK
- 2nd: Jason LightFoot, Pawnee, OK
- 3rd: Darrell Moore, Irving, TX
- 4th: Vernon Harragara, Lakewood, CO

Senior Men's Grass

- 1st: Darrell Goodwill, Ft. Qu Appelle, Sask., Canada
- 2nd: Ed Black Jr., Concho, OK
- 3rd: Marty Pinnecoose, Salem, OR
- 4th: A.C. Sheridan, Walthill, NE

Senior Men's Traditional

- 1st: Josh Williamson, Cushing, OK
- 2nd: Charles Hindsley, Shiprock, NM
- 3rd: J.R. LaPlante, Minneapolis, MN
- 4th: Gary Tomahsah, Apache, OK

Senior Men's Fancy

- 1st: Kevin Connywerdy, Norman, OK
- 2nd: R.G. Harris, Stroud, OK
- 3rd: George Alexander, Pawnee, OK
- 4th: Henry McClellan Sr., Shawnee, OK

Golden Age Men

- 1st: Floyd Moses, Anadarko, OK
- 2nd: Isaac Shuckanosee, Tama, IA
- 3rd: Ted Bravesout, Pawnee, OK

Congratulations, All!



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REGIONAL REPORTS

Midwest

Maryann Welch-Frank

Bourzho from Kansas City,

We're finally getting settle into our new home. We have a wooded area behind our house which attracts a lot of wildlife. We were told about the friendly little groundhog that visits frequently, and sure enough we see him every now and then. We decided to call him Charlie.

A few weeks went by and we hadn't seen him for a while. We started to get a little worried. Then one day I looked outside and there was Charlie and her little one with her. What a wonderful surprise. Now we have two we watch for. We have quite a variety of animals like squirrels, rabbits, deer and we were told a red fox comes around now and then. Quite a variety of birds too, some I've never seen or heard before. Quite a variety of Shaminito's creatures to enjoy.

A tribal member, Frederick Anderson, is assembling a roster for our talented tribal members. It will serve as a reference list and give us an opportunity to expand our resources. If you missed his article in the HowNiKan in the March issue, call me and I'll pass more information along to you about this. So far he has heard from artists, poets, writers, crafters and musicians. Again, if anyone is interested in more information, give me a call.

Our Potawatomi Pow-Wow was absolutely wonderful. We had an arena full of brilliant colors and beautiful people. There were plenty of activities for everyone, young and old. I was able to attend a language class on Friday. I would like to say thank you to Norman Kiker for his attention and dedication to bringing our language back to our people. We appreciate your efforts and hard work in making these classes possible.

This is a project I would like to continue on a local level. For those of you who are interested in learning our language, I would like to open my home for teaching sessions. Depending on the amount of interest I get, will determine when the classes will be. Give me a call; these lessons are so important. If we allow our language to die a part of our heritage dies with it. We must never allow this to happen.

As always it was good to see some familiar faces I haven't

BOURZHO, NICON!

It was shotamgit (hot outside) while we were at Pow-Wow, but it didn't slow us down much. There were close to 500 dancers in the circle Saturday night. All the color, movement, and music would inspire any artist. As we watched certain dancers, we were carried to the place they described. While we danced an intertribal ourselves, the warmth and pure fun of gathering and feeling the drum together was very special. Warm thanks to Esther Lowden and her staff and helpers for a job well done.

We regional directors (new title) along with other visiting tribal members were given the opportunity to take a couple of language lessons which consisted of going over a list of words and phrases. It was a truly unique experience hearing our language. I look forward to sharing what I've learned when the program is developed enough for us to start.

It was good to meet our hard-working directors of various programs. What with our tribe growing steadily in the past few

seen for a while. I always enjoy seeing the Business Committee and tribal employees I've talked to on the phone and now get the opportunity to meet them. We had a regional directors meeting in Shawnee. It gave us the chance to get to know our fellow reps a little more. I want to assure everyone that the regional reps truly care about what we do. We truly care about our fellow Potawatomi brothers and sisters and our jobs. I want to thank Lu, Rocky, Marge, Philonise, Jeremy, Penny, Susan, and Jennifer for their dedication and hard work. And a special thank you to Susan for all the copies you sent me, and ideas! May Shaminito bless you all.

I hope volunteers will be stepping forward to help out in the tentatively scheduled picnic for Saturday, September 21. It will be potluck. If this sounds like something everyone in my area wants to do, then get involved and give me a call. Depending on the response for volunteers I get, will determine if we have the picnic.

Another thing I cannot stress enough is VOTE! Anytime issues and elections come up, it is your duty to vote. It is so important to make your voice heard. Remember, you can vote no matter where you live if you are a tribal member. Take advantage of your absentee voting privilege. Vote and your voice will be heard!

Congratulations to J.P. Motley and Gene Bruno and Jo Ann Johnson in the last election.

Upcoming Pow-Wows and events:

August 2, 3 & 4 — IICOT Pow-Wow, Tulsa Fairgrounds, Tulsa, OK 918-744-1113

August 10 & 11 — Hannibal, MO Pow-Wow

August 16, 17 & 18 — Nevada, MO Pow-Wow, Ed Woodington's Farm

August 29, 30, 31 & Sept. 1 — Ponca Pow-Wow, Ponca City, OK

August 30, 31 & Sept. 1 & 2 — Choctaw Nation Pow-Wow, Tuskahoma, OK

September 13, 14 & 15 — Moberly, MO Pow-Wow at Moberly Fairgrounds

September 21 & 22 — Eastern Band of Shawnee Pow-Wow, Seneca, MO

Until next time, be good to one another. Call me; I'm there for you!

Pa ma me na

Maryann Welch-Frank

Northern California

Jennifer J. Porter

years (in membership and economically), these people have had to adjust and grow too. We should all appreciate them.

Also, a warm megwetch to the other regional directors for being so generous in sharing information and ideas with me. It was wonderful to be able to put the face to the name and to know we share many of the same challenges and joys.

While I wish more votes had been cast, I am happy to congratulate J.P. Motley on being re-elected to his post. Ditto to Jo Ann Johnson.

Now ... the picnic is set. You should have received your flyer now. If you haven't, please give me a call. I have about 20 "forwarding order expired" envelopes on my desk, so if you call me, I can update Mary Farrell in Tribal Rolls as well. Again, it's the 24th of August, from 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. at the Recreation Park in Auburn. Things to bring: a potluck dish to share, table settings and beverages (non-alcoholic) — dessert will be provided. RSVP by August 22nd so we'll know how many to plan for. Those of you who volunteered to help, please feel free to jump in at the picnic. If you want to lead an activity (for kids or adults), give me a call and we'll get it going. It should be a good time had by all.

Be safe and healthy and enjoy the summer!

Jennifer Porter

Recently, I got a couple of messages that when I tried to return the calls, were not the right numbers. I tried different area codes to no avail. If it was you, try again.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Washington State

Susan Campbell

BOURZHO FROM 30,000 FEET!

This article was written in a 737 flying out of Oklahoma City. What a fun time we had in Shawnee at Pow-Wow this year! The Business Committee and tribal staff went out of their way to welcome us and to make us feel at home. They even hosted an Appreciation Dinner in our honor, presenting each of us with plaques noting our years of service (four now for me!). The dancers' regalia flashed and sparkled as they swirled, or swayed gently as our dignified elders took to the Circle.

Pow-Wow is not just a time of dancing and drumming. Pow-Wow is also family and friends. It was good to see all of you from this region who came; our farthest-travelled was from Wasilla, Alaska! We enjoyed visits with longtime friends such as George Godfrey from Kansas and Keith Navarre from Texas and with my Potawatomi sister Deb McPherson from New York. And it's always good to swap stories with the other regional directors. There were those there I really tried to get over to visit but my schedule seemed to fill up almost without my knowledge. I would make one plan for the day while Eric made another; compromise isn't always the best solution.

A highlight of our time was the language classes and the time spent with Potawatomi Elders Walter Cooper and Bud Onjawa. We obtained some marvelous materials which I hope to have available in class format soon. I need to figure out how to copy these cassettes!

Prior to Pow-Wow, I flew into Lafayette, Indiana, and was driven to Miami, Okla., for the architectural Charett (a fancy word for "meeting" I found out! See separate article). Then I met Eric in Muncie where we attended the Minnetrista Woodland Workshops and Pow-Wow. I learned to make beaded medallions and to do quill work on birch bark while making fans (Rhian is now teaching me loom beading). Eric took the fan class as well but then took the silver work class, where he made some beautiful brooches for my regalia. This was the last year for this gathering at Minnetrista so there was a bittersweet feeling to it all. Next year we will be moving over to Lafayette.

Our day at Notre Dame was a super experience! Our friends Bill and Shirley Willard arranged for Father James McGrath to escort us around campus — and he sure did! Following lunch we were allowed into the log chapel, burial site of Father Benjamin Petit, our priest during the Removal of 1838. We also visited the chapel museum. The Archives were next. I'd done my homework before the trip so knew what I wanted to see. They were

most helpful. A stop at the Native American admissions office was next (I will be receiving copies of entrance requirements for our kids).

Finally we stopped at the Potawatomi burial mound inside the cemetery adjacent to Notre Dame. This houses remains discovered during construction as well as some located in the late 1980s. We attended the monthly meeting of the Fulton County Historical Society that evening where the topic was "The Michigan Road" through Indiana. It was built on land owned and "donated" by Potawatomi (the speaker and I had a nice visit about the "donation" of these lands!)

So the heat, the humidity, the long days (often with only 4 to 5 hours of sleep a

night) prompted me to take the first week of July off. I hope this wasn't a problem for you but I really needed it. I also decided to cut back my actual time in the office so I have time to bead, sew and to work on language materials (I desperately need to get them organized into a usable format). I will be most available by phone from 10 a.m. to noon weekdays. I will then check the phone evenings to return calls the next day. To be honest, my family helped me reach this decision. I don't know that I will be doing any less — in fact, I seriously doubt so! — but I hope to be more organized with what I'm doing.

I suspect that elsewhere in this issue you will read of the LOW voting turnout for the last election. Out of approximately

15,000 voting members, only 535 exercised their voting privileges in June. That's only **3.5 percent!** These elections are important to our people. They affect how we do tribal business and they have an impact on our future. The next time you are offered the opportunity to vote, please do so. If you have a minute, drop me a line and let me know why you didn't. We'd like to know.

I will be on the Hannahville Potawatomi Reservation Aug. 28 through Sept. 1 for the Seven Band Gathering. I very much look forward to meeting our relations in the North and learning a bit of their customs.

Hope you're having a great summer!

Susan Campbell

South Texas

Lu Ellis

Bourzho from South Texas,

Are you out there?

I was amazed that so few of you voted in the June 30 election, and I haven't had a single essay come into this office for the Youth Encampment competition. Surely a FREE week at camp appeals to you young Potawatomis?

Are you getting your HowNiKan papers? Are you reading your HowNiKan papers?

I would sure like to hear from you about this apparent lack of communication.

We had a great time traveling in Pow-Wow country, attended all three of the language classes in Shawnee, and enjoyed the 23rd annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow as much as we knew we would. It was hot out there!

And it is hot here as well. We came home to learn it had finally rained a couple of times. I think it measured about 4 inches in all, right here at the house. That was enough to get things really growing again. Megwetch to the Creator for that.

We were greeted with a new family of deer, one fawn still sporting all its spots, and the fox family brought the kit to the house for the first time this week. It is about half the size of its parents now. We see the raccoon babies are growing rapidly, and we have even seen a baby skunk. I think that little guy was only passing through; we only saw him one time, quite late at night. The animals are coming around during the afternoons,

We have just returned from Council and Pow-Wow. I thought the heat was terrible in Oklahoma until I returned to Texas. It's worse here, sorta like being covered by a blanket.

Council was informative as usual. And Pow-Wow was beautiful. Unless you have been in Shawnee for this weekend in June, you cannot know what you are missing. Council presents in living color all the information we receive in the HowNiKan. The insight into the activities of the tribe gives you a perspective of the progress we're making and plans for our future.

As is the case in our communities, you should take advantage of your right to

which tells us more rain is needed if they are coming in for water in the daytime.

I saw a lot of trash being thrown around on the Pow-Wow grounds, which were beautifully prepared for this special event, and I was alarmed that we as Indian people are so careless with our Mother the Earth. I urge you to take the time today to touch the Earth, remember that all things come from her; the food we seem to take for granted, the air we breathe and the sweet water we drink. Thank her and the Creator for these gifts that are the blessings of our lives. Where would we be without them?

We are thinking of starting a small group here at the house to study the language we have learned to date, knowing full well we don't have it all. But we have to start somewhere. If you are interested, call me. We will set up a time that will work for the most of you, and we will buy some cookies and make some coffee and get to it! When we learn enough to speak to each other in our own language we can start to teach our children and our grandchildren. And this much of our culture will live for the next generations. Do you know that we were told there are only 33 speakers of the Potawatomi language still alive and able to teach?

Pa Ma Me Na (see you later), or in the North they say Ba Ma Pe.

Take good care of each other, and Mother Earth.

Lu Ellis

North Texas

Marjorie Hobdy

vote and make your voice heard. Ways to get more people to vote absentee if you cannot go to Shawnee were discussed and we want you to be aware of these. When the next election comes around if you have questions about voting absentee, give me a call.

I found out this trip another fact about absentee voting. If you request an absentee ballot and then decide to go to Shaw-

nee, you must take your ballot with you as only one ballot can be issued. Our enrollment exceeds 22,000 members, yet only a small percentage vote. Keep yourself informed and take advantage of your right to vote.

Thanks to those of you from my region who took the time to come over and see me and introduce yourselves if we had not met in person. A lot of families take the opportunity to meet and the whole event takes on the air of a family reunion. And always there's the Indian tacos and Strawberry Newbergs! Be careful in this heat and enjoy your summer.

Marj Hobdy

REGIONAL REPORTS

Southern California

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

Bourzho from Pasadena!

I attended our 23rd annual pow-wow this year. As you know, the general Council meeting is held during that time, and we also have our elections.

I was dismayed and deeply saddened to see that the TOTAL vote count (absentee and walk-in combined) was under 600. Our tribe has nearly 23,000 enrolled members now, of which, approximately 18,000 are eligible to vote — and yet only a tiny fraction of that number care to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed right to choose their leadership.

I have said in this column before, and will remind you again, it was not that long ago that we tribal members out in the regions did not have the right to vote without physically traveling to Shawnee

on election day and casting our ballot there. It was a hot issue, and in some parts of Pottawatomie County, continues to be considered a bad decision that should be repealed.

But we were enfranchised, and handed the attendant rights and responsibilities. We were asked to let our voices be heard and our votes counted. And now that we have the absentee vote, we don't use it. Doesn't that seem strange to you? Strange, and maybe just a little arrogant and irresponsible?

Did any of you happen to notice what percentage of voters turned out at the recent Russian run-off election between Boris Yeltsin and his Communist opponent? Well over 60 percent of the country's eligible electorate voted. Now, I'm not all

that old, but I can remember well a time when you could get punched in the nose for suggesting that the Russians were capable of even understanding democracy, much less practicing it with such obvious vigor and sense of commitment. Well, the Russians seem to have learned awfully fast. And we seem to have forgotten almost completely how precious a thing it is to be able to vote, and how expensive it has been for us to retain that right.

Let's face it — this situation just won't do. As a matter of fact, it's shameful. We're better than that, and it's up to each and every one of us to find some way of becoming more involved and fixing something that is so obviously broken.

We can figure this out together. We're an intelligent and resourceful people, and this is not a problem that we can't solve on our own. I mean, we're talking about marking an "X" on a piece of paper and sealing an envelope — what's so hard about that?

So okay, what seems to be the problem, anyway? Is it that the process of applying for an absentee ballot is just too complicated or troublesome? Is it that you, as a voting body, don't feel well enough informed about the issues and candidates to make an informed decision, and so you just vote with your silence? What needs to be changed to make it more likely for the average voter to cast a ballot? What needs to be changed besides our attitude?

Your Southern California Regional Office address and telephone number are on Page 12 of this paper — look it up and use it! Please call or write with any suggestions or observations whatever. In this way, we can start with an open forum dialogue on this issue, with the understanding that the dialogue will be followed up with some meaningful action.

Let me know your suggestions by voice, FAX, letter, or carrier pigeon. Sign them or make them anonymous, I don't care. I guarantee you that your thoughts will be considered by those in the positions to make appropriate and constitutionally acceptable changes to the process. But for now, forget about appropriate or acceptable — let's hear ALL your ideas. Maybe we can hammer together a few good ideas to make up one terrific idea.

Next year at the end of June, we will have a very important election. Let's start right now to create a groundswell of involvement. Let's aim high, and try for at least 75 percent absentee voter turnout in the regions. We can do that, can't we?

Together, let's prove to ourselves, if to no one else, that we can top the Russians in the practice of this crucially important democratic institution.

Jeremy Finch

Native American business owners will have voice

Native American business owners will soon have an advocate in Washington, D.C. The National Indian Business Association (NIBA) is in the process of moving its headquarters from Albuquerque, NM, to a location near Capitol Hill.

Although there are about 24,000 American Indian and Alaska Native owned businesses in the United States (counting one-person craft operations) no such business or economic development organization has a presence in the nation's capital, according to Pete Homer, NIBA vice-president.

"The number of Indian businesses has nearly tripled in the past 10 years, and as we grew, so did the feeling among Indian business owners that their interests are not adequately represented by any of the chambers or associations," Homer said.

NIBA, which planned to open the doors to its new Washington office on or about July 1, intends to hook up connections with 32 existing state and regional American Indian business organizations and chamber of commerce as well as other organizations promoting minority-owned businesses.

Steward Little, CEO of Virginia-based Diversified Business Technologies Corp. (DBT), is NIBA president. Little, a founder of NIBA, who earned his MBA from Arizona State University, has held senior positions with the Interior department, Oracle Corp., Pacific Telesis and Unisys Corp. Under his direction, DBT was selected one of the top five American Indian 8(a) firms receiving the national Native American business of Year award (1994), issued by the Small Business Association.

Vice President Homer, who will be in charge of much of the lobbying and communication activities, has worked on behalf of American Indian business ventures for more than 25 years, at the tribal, state and federal level.

For example, Homer worked for the Department of Labor for 10 years and served as director of business development for Native American owned Systems Integration & Research Inc. Contact: Pete Homer, (703) 486-7933; Steward Little, (703) 893-9090.

Oregon/Idaho

Roscoe 'Rocky' Baptiste

Bourzho from Oregon/Idaho:

Ni je na (How are you)? After three wonderful days of language class I'm sorry to tell you, this old Indian still can't say too many words of Potawatomi. But ... I'm working on it. They gave me some words to practice and promised me some tapes to hear them said. Work books are coming and we plan to set up classes of those interested, so we can all learn our language.

One thing they told us, after searching the whole United States, only 33 speaking to partial speaking Potawatomi were found. And they are mostly elders. I'm glad we are doing this now since as each year passes, we lose another elder and so much valuable information. The tribe had invited three elders from Michigan and Kansas to come speak to us, and as one of them said to me, it is almost too late.

We also had three days of Pow-Wow, with lots and lots of dancing, drumming, eating, and I must not forget the fanning. Boy was it hot! The last day I spent in Oklahoma City, it was 105 degree HOT!

I was so glad when they changed the Gourd Dancing to be held under the shade trees, as that is the dance I participate in most. All in all, I had a great time. Our council meeting was interesting and all departments reported on how well your Indian Nation is doing. However they also impressed on us that we are just short of losing our sovereignty if we let this bill pass. Please read your last HowNiKan, and call your Senator.

Some of the things your Committee is thinking about in the future are expanding the RV park, putting in a play ground for the children at the Pow-Wow (as they do run wild down there) and building an in-line skating rink. So far this is just in the suggestion and thinking stage, but I'm sure they will do everything they can to make the Potawatomi Nation the best in the whole U.S.

Out here, in Oregon and Idaho, I have listed a few Pow-Wows and cultural gatherings for you to attend, if you are able.

July 19-21: Cobury Golden Years PowWow, Coburg, OR-Jim Lockard at (541) 484-6488

July 27-28: Chief Joseph Days, Joseph, OR. Contact Horace Axtell at (208) 743-6324

Aug 2-4: Spirit of the People Celebration & Trade Show: Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, OR (503) 474-6394

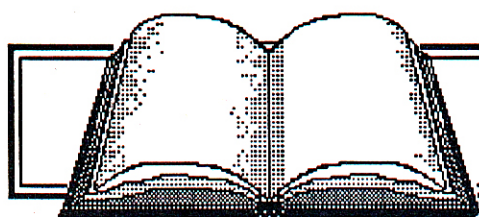
Aug 10th: 1-5 pm discovery Park - Lucky Peek Reservoir, Boise, ID. YOUR POTAWATOMI PICNIC — COME MEET YOUR RELATIONS

Aug 16-18: Grand Ronde PowWow, Grand Ronde, OR (503) 879-5211 or 1-800-422-0232

Megwich (Thank you),

Rocky Baptiste

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Is The 5th Of
The Month



For the record...

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING • FEBRUARY 28, 1996

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry P. Motley, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb, Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker, Gift Shop and Museum Director Esther Lowden, Junior Lowden, Administrative Secretary Donna Loudermilk, Fire Lake Golf Pro Mike Wood, Tribal Pharmacist Joe LaReau, Fire Lake Lanes employee Teresa Vieux, HowNiKan Editor Gloria Trotter, Tribal members Leon Bruno, Stacey Smith, Max Wano, Dana Scheuerman, Ruby Withrow, Rick Turk, Frances Lackey, Carol Roberts, Johnny Flynn. Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno.

Linda Capps moved to approve the amended minutes of the Special Business Committee meeting held on September 26, 1995; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve with one correction the minutes of the November 27, 1995 business committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve the

minutes of the Special Business Committee meeting held on January 24, 1996; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 6:40 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-47 to raise the Capital Ratio of First National Bank and Trust Company to 8%; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Secretary Treasurer Gene Bruno was contacted and voted the following day.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-48 approving the appointment of Don Yott as Gaming Commissioner for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Secretary Treasurer Gene Bruno was contacted and voted the following day.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-49 appointing JoAnn Johnson to the Grievance Committee; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-50 authorizing the budget for the Native American Graves Protection and

Repatriation Act and the Tribal Chaplaincy budget in the amount of \$6,900.00; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb reported on Public Law 102-477 training conference hosted by the tribe earlier in the month.

Golf Pro Mike Wood reported that repairs to a bridge on the course will soon be complete, although the work might mean shutting down one day.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-51 changing the quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, February 29, 1996 to Wednesday, February 28, 1996; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-52 approving the relinquishment of Patricia Ann Martin Moulin; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-53 approving the enrollment of 6 tribal members eligible under previous guidelines; John Barrett seconded. Passed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 absent.

Committeeman Jerry Motley arrived. Mr. Motley's late arrival was due to his father, Vernon Motley, being admitted to

the hospital earlier in the day.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-54 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-55 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-56 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-57 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-58 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Linda Capps moved to table Resolution #96-59 due to typographical errors; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent. Corrected Resolution was approved March 6th.

Hilton Melot moved to approve a \$2,000.00 law fellowship to tribal member Angela Riley; John Barrett seconded. Passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.



A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

The following enrollees were eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines:

William James McCauley
Suzanne Jeanne McCauley
Hilsabeck
Christine Anne McCauley
Monahan
Kevin James McCauley
Leslie Anne McCauley Bennett
Denise Anne McCauley
Mirabella
Monica Lynn Fulkerson
Jacob Joseph Green
Garret Leon Handy
Patrick Ryan O'Rourke
Michael Brian O'Rourke
Jack Dale Zearley
Richard John Richard
Sharon Lynn Richard
Hofstrand
Janet Sue Mason
Lucian Bowers McKinney
William Joseph Richard
Lemuel Rhodd, Jr.
Cleve James Francoeur
Flora Lucilee Richard Hale
Donna Ann Zearley
Florena Gale Blackwood

The following enrollees were enrolled by descendency:

John Neil Haase
Jessica Lynn Dement
Cerise Lark Gordon

Beatrice Marie Gordon
Mason Bradley Hansen
Carmen Jean Hansen
Robert Troy Nadeau
Jodi Michelle Nadeau
Scott Patrick Nadeau
Jacqueline Ann Wolfe
Diana Marie Manson
Thomas Joseph Nadeau
Tyler James Nadeau
Sharon Lynn Burleson Clay
Alexander Joseph Clay
Cory Joseph Clay
Joel Cleveland Trousdale
Rejeana Marie Heath Coss
Leah Chance Heath
Heather Nicole Clift
Macey Nicole Hacker
Jayson Matthew Lyons
John Burton Melson IV
Rachel Elizabeth Dunn
Stephen Adam Kimes
Virginia Lynn Gately Seigel
Karlie Rane Whitener
Lori Rene Coffeen
Jessica Rose Banks
Nathan Carl Banks
Briana Shea Kuestersteffen
Amelia Ann Iliff
Kylie Morgan Greer
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TRIBAL TRACTS

Anderson elected president of AIC board

Tommy Craig Anderson, Citizen Potawatomi, was elected President of the Board of Directors of the American Indian Center (AIC) on June 17, 1996. Mr. Anderson succeeds Richard E. "Gene" Bloomfield as President.

Since 1968 the American Indian Center has promoted the social, educational and cultural development of American Indians in an urban environment, irrespective of tribal affiliation. Through its residential alcohol and drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs, the AIC has sought to combat the pressing prob-

lems of substance abuse in the American Indian Community. Its cultural awareness programs provide the Metroplex with an awareness of American Indian heritage, educational goals and tribal diversity.

In late 1994, with the help of the Meadows Foundation and interim financing provided by two area banks, the AIC purchased its present location in Euless, Texas. The purchase enabled the AIC to move to its current facility, a 53,317 square foot building located on 10 acres of land. The new facility is enabling the AIC to expand its present services and to become

a community center providing programs for the educational and cultural needs of both the young and the elderly.

Currently, the AIC is conducting a capital campaign to raise money to retire its interim loan. The immediate goal is to raise approximately \$20,000 to complete a \$100,000 matching grant from the Hoblitzelle Foundation of Dallas. The AIC is also sponsoring a 3 on 3 street basketball tournament on July 27, 1996. For more information about the American Indian Center, contact Mary Helen Deer Smith, Executive Director at (817) 355-5145.



Beginning Practice

Tribal member Anna M. Olivetti D.C. has completed four years of doctorate study at Logan College of Chiropractic, St. Louis, Missouri. She has also completed a two year course study for the degree of Brain Stem Specialist under the direction of Doctor Michael Kale D.C. of Spartansburg, South Carolina. She is now planning to practice within her specialty in California as of the summer of 1996. Anna is the great-granddaughter of Naomi Brant Kimes, granddaughter of Hanna B. Kimes Dunne and daughter of Carol Mount Olevetti.

Godfrey involved in contract for major environmental work

Haskell Indian Nations University will collaborate with Stone and Webster Environmental Technology and Services in a multi-million dollar contract to fund remediation efforts on lands impacted by military operations within the Missouri River Divisional Boundaries.

Dr. George Godfrey, chair of the Natural and Social Department at Haskell and co-director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Center said that Haskell will receive more than \$6 million over the next 5 to 10 years from the United States Army Corps of Engineers to support Stone and Webster's Total Environmental Restoration Contract (TERC). Godfrey said Haskell will provide a variety of services to the Denver-based firm including Geographic Information Systems services, archaeological surveys, and technical consulting on Indian rights and land development issues. He said the collaboration will also provide Stone and Webster an opportunity to provide support for

HERS and other environmental science programs at Haskell.

"This contract is a perfect illustration of a collaborative relationship," Godfrey, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, said. "Tribes today are facing serious environmental issues which require immediate training and assistance that is culturally based."

By helping environmental engineers understand and appreciate issues related to Indian rights and land development, Godfrey said he hopes to alleviate problems which have occurred in the past due to misunderstandings and poor communications.



Tribal member part of national ceremony

Brothers and sisters, friends and family:

I was honored to be able to participate in the laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Washington D.C. in May 1996.

This year I, Sarah Johnson of Wellsville, Kansas, am president of the Rebekah Assembly of Kansas of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and they are the only fraternal order that is given this honor.

The Grand Master, Leroy Romine of Harvyville, Kansas, and Grand Matriarch Margaret Shelton of



Burlingame, Kansas, and I traveled together to Washington D.C. along with representatives from all over the world.

I have been a member for 36 years and am also a Past Grand Matriarch. My husband Arden is a farmer and I am employed

at Hallmark Cards in Lawrence, Kansas. I have a daughter Kimberley, son David and three stepchildren, Ernie, Donnie, Bonnie.

My mother's name was L. Violet Lewis Cox. She and my father, Fred R. Cox of Tonganoxie, are both deceased.

I am from the Lewis Branch.

My membership is in Saratoga #660, Bonner Springs, Kansas, Associate membership at Baldwin City #267.

Sarah Johnson
Wellsville, Kansas

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TRIBAL TRACTS



Keller-Moore Wedding

Rachel Nicole Moore and Daniel Raymond Keller Jr. were married on July 27, 1996, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, with Father Shaedel officiating. The bride is the daughter of Connie and Steven Moore Sr. of Anderson, Indiana. She is a 1993 graduate of Madison Heights High School of Anderson and is currently attending Indiana University in Bloomington majoring in journalism. The groom is the son of Pamela J. and Daniel R. Keller Sr. and the great-great-great-grandson of Theodore Bourassa, one-half Potawatomi, and Margaret Mullen, one-half Potawatomi. He is a 1990 graduate of Cardinal Ritter High School in Indianapolis. He attended Indiana University and Purdue University, and is currently employed by Allison Engine Company in Indianapolis.

Prophetstown council discusses plans for Native American Center in Lafayette

BY SUSAN CAMPBELL

On June 14, 1996, the Prophetstown council met in Miami, OK with the designers and planners of the new Native American Center to be built in Lafayette, IN on the site of the 1811 village known as Prophetstown. Present were leaders of Nations ranging from Canada to Oklahoma. Rocky Barrett and Linda Capps represented the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee. Also in attendance were members of the Prophetstown Council; Susan Campbell represents the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on the Council and was also present.

Miami Chief Floyd Leonard opened the day by welcoming us to their beautiful Community Center. Delaware Chief Richard Snake led us in prayer. Following introductions, Eugene Brown, Miami flute maker, offered a special Zuni prayer song.

A video of the Prophetstown site opened our morning session. Nick Clark "walked" us through the area, pointing out what was and what could be.

Then Burke Wyatt, the exterior architect and a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member from Phoenix, started our session by asking, "What are the values and ideas which are important, what is the vision, for the Woodland Complex at

Prophetstown?"

Answers included protection of the mounds and burial sites known to be on the property as well as those to be added under NAGPRA guidelines; a historical presentation of what Prophetstown meant (see *The Shawnee Prophet* by S. David Edmonds for reference); the prehistory of Prophetstown: history of the peoples just prior to contact; the importance of the site in 1811 and its importance today. Rocky suggested making use of CD-ROMs and World Wide Web sites to broaden the scope of available knowledge, making it more accessible to teachers. This was well received.

The morning session concluded, we drove to the Miami Longhouse where we were their guests for lunch. It was also a time to visit and renew acquaintances.

We returned to the Community Center for the afternoon session. The questions under discussion were: How do you like the conception of the plan? What do you want kept or given up?"

Answers here ranged from keeping sacred spaces sacred and inviolate; forming a circle of elders to determine what stays and what goes; placing an emphasis on children and youth — and teaching them; an outlet for arts and crafts — strictly Native-made; a tower to

overlook the battlefield and the village, welcoming visitors and presenting an overview of what they will find. It was determined that the Center should be functional, should offer language programs and should teach traditional skills with teachers who are masters at their craft. All of the senses should be involved in the learning.

The subject of sacred places drew the most heated comments. Areas not open to the public were deemed needed, areas where Ceremonies could be done, sweats held. These Ceremonies would not be taught to visitors but would be done privately among Indian people.

The Center is seen as a place where the outside is brought in and the inside is invited out. It will provide an opportunity to collect culture and the knowledge of tribal Elders.

The concluding statement was, "This is a triumphant return to an important ancestral site."

If you have any comments, questions or concerns about Prophetstown and the new Indian Center, please call me at 1-800-722-8055. Or drop me a letter. I will see that all of them are passed on to Nick Clark, the Executive Director at Prophetstown. I will share his response as it comes in.

Artists, vendors sought for Pine Bluff Indian festival Oct. 5

The Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas is seeking artists, craftspeople and vendors of Native American origin to show and/or sell their work at the "Indians of Mid-America" Festival on October 5 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The Festival is the opening celebration for a two-month project titled "Indians of Mid-America" which will focus, particularly, on those tribes whose history includes the mid-section of the United States such as Osage, Tunica, Quapaw, Caddo, Cherokee,

Creek, Chickasaw and Choctaw. Artists and craftspeople from these tribes are particularly encouraged to participate in the festival, though any Native American artists are welcome.

Booth space will be available free to those who are demonstrating arts and/or crafts. Please submit for approval a summary of the art or craft you will be demonstrating. For those who are vendors only of arts and crafts the charge will be \$25 per booth. The festival will open at 10 a.m. and include activities through 4 p.m. Scheduled activities include a

5K run along the Saracen trail (named for the chief of the Quapaws); demonstrations from the staff of Toltec Mounds in Native weaponry, games and archeology; storytelling by Anita Mimms (Quapaw); performances by the Great American Indian Dancers of Oklahoma City; readings and book signings by Native authors; films about Native culture history and traditions; lectures by scholars in Native American archeology and literature; craft activities and games for children. The exhibit will include his-

torical artifacts, archaeological discoveries and contemporary Native American artists' work.

Food vendors are also being sought for the festival. Booth space will be rented to any Native American food vendors for \$25. All food vendors must be approved by the Arkansas Department of Health and have either a permanent or temporary approval sticker. Temporary permits are available for \$25 and are good for 14 days.

Information concerning booth rental and other information

about the Festival may be obtained by writing The Arts & Science Center for Southeast Arkansas; 701 Main Street; Pine Bluff, AR 71601; Attn: Gina Teel. Or you may phone (501)536-3375 and speak with Gina Teel.

"Indians of Mid-America" is supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Pine Bluff Advertising and Tourist Promotion Commission.

TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal member married at historic Mission Hill Indian Church

Potawatomi tribal member Philip Pruner married Cherokee descendant Sheila Dees in a Native American ceremony at the historic Mission Hill Indian Church on April 6. The ceremony was performed by Potawatomi tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker, who incorporated traditional and modern tribal customs in the wedding rite.

The couple had been previously married in a civil ceremony performed by Tribal Court Judge Philip Lujan on March 26th but they felt that a ceremony reflecting their commitment to Native American ways was extremely important. The small, wooden church just south of the Potawatomi Tribal Headquarters is on the site of the original Quaker mission to the Native American tribes of this area.

The bride is the daughter of Vernon and Waunell Dees of Lexington where the bride graduated from high school. The former Ms. Dees is a descendant of Sam Houston and his Cherokee wife Diana Rogers. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in engineering and is currently employed as traffic engineer for the City of Oklahoma City. Her father walked on in 1989 but her mother and other relatives and friends from as far away as Vinita attended the ceremony. Mrs. Pruner is



also co-owner of her new husband's business which deals in products and services of interest to Native Americans.

Mr. Pruner is of Citizen Potawatomi and Western Delaware descent and is proud to count Chief Standing Earth of

the Menominee and Capt. Black Beaver of the Delaware as his ancestors. Mr. Pruner is also a descendant of the Jacques Vieaux-Angelique Leroy line. He graduated from Shawnee High School and earned a master's degree in

criminal justice administration from Oklahoma City University. He currently operates Black Beaver Trading Company which sells Native American products.

Standing up with Mr. Pruner was Mr. Leland Friday of the Arapaho tribe. The groom's mother, Bonnie Taylor of Tecumseh, hosted his family who came from as far away as Texas. The bridesmaid was Miss Charlene Tucholka from Norman. The bride and bridesmaid wore dresses inspired by traditional Cherokee outfits. The groom and best man wore ribbon shirts and Gourd Dance regalia. Mrs. Claudia Kiker provided music for the ceremony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pruner are members of Oklahoma Indian Nations Gourd Dance Society and volunteers with Cedar Lodge. After the wedding reception Mr. Pruner was honored as Head Dancer at the Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess Coronation Pow-Wow at Concho.

After the wedding a reception was held north of Shawnee at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Tucker. Guests also included many members of Mission Hill Indian Church where the Pruners attend services. The new couple will reside in Shawnee.

Tribal member's firm picked for big IHS project

The Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, has notified Phoenix-based Wyatt/Rhodes inc. that they have been selected to provide architectural and engineering design services for a new Indian Health Service hospital and clinic in Winnebago, Nebraska.

The firm is owned by Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member Burke Wyatt.

The 10,500 square meter (113,000SF) hospital has an estimated construction cost of \$20-\$40 million. The current schedule calls for construction to begin in the fall of 1998. The hospital will provide the Omaha and Winnebago Indian tribes state of the art medical and behavioral health facilities.

"IHS has been an important client for our firm for over a decade," Wyatt said. "With reduced funding from Congress, this may be the largest IHS project for this fiscal year. We are very pleased with the confidence that IHS has shown in the staff at Wyatt/Rhodes with the award of this project."

Lawrence Metcalf, project manager

Wyatt/Rhodes adds new IHS hospital and clinic in Winnebago, Nebraska, to growing list of Native American design projects

and medical planner noted that "Our recent experience with the design of the 22,000 square meter Comprehensive Health Care Facility at Ft. Defiance, Arizona and the 1,200 square meter alternative rural hospital in Hoopa, California, which is nearing completion of construction, were big factors in our selection. The project is also similar in scope to the facility we designed for IHS in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

"Indian Health Service has been on the leading edge of the federal government's effort to convert building construction to the metric system. Wyatt/Rhodes inc. has successfully provided design and documentation using GSA's metric guidelines on its last two medical projects. We are looking forward to working with IHS and the Winnebago and Omaha Indian Tribes to provide these communities with a health

care facility that is uniquely theirs."

Wyatt/Rhodes inc. is a full service architecture, planning and civil engineering firm established in 1982 and located in Phoenix, Arizona. The firm was started with an emphasis on Native American medical and educational projects. Today, Wyatt/Rhodes is one of Arizona's top 25 architecture, planning and engineering firms (*Arizona Business Journal*, May 1996.)

Wyatt/Rhodes serves clients in the Southwest and throughout the country, including tribal, private, corporate, institutional and governmental agencies. During the past 14 years, they have completed over 300 health care, education, housing, community and hospitality projects.

Wyatt/Rhodes inc. is a 100 percent Native American owned and managed business enterprise. Wyatt noted that "Wyatt/Rhodes takes great pride in our

Native ownership and staff and hold a deep respect for the culture of each Native American community in which we work."

Previous Indian Health Service experience includes:

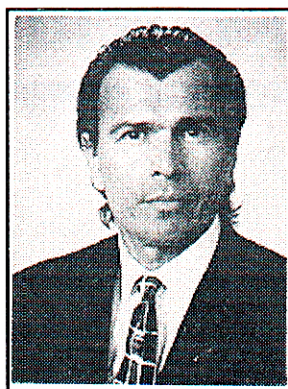
- Ft. Defiance Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Ft. Defiance, Arizona. 22,000 square meter facility, estimated construction cost \$55 million.
- Hoopa Health Care Facility, Hoopa, California. 1,200 square meter facility, construction cost \$2.2 million.
- Hu Hu Kam Hospital, Gila river Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona. 84,000SF facility, construction cost \$11.5 million (1986).
- Pine Ridge Comprehensive Health Care Facility, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. 110,302 SF facility, construction cost \$20 million (1994).
- Hospital Renovation and Addition, Sells, Arizona. Construction cost \$1.1M.
- Round Valley Indian Health Clinic, Covelo, California. Fire damage repair of this 3,500 SF clinic, construction cost \$250,000.

'Thank you's' in order for extra-special pow-wow effort

Congratulations to Jerry P. Motley for winning reelection to the Committeeman #1 position on the Business Committee. Also to Gene Bruno as Secretary/Treasurer of the tribe and to both Paul Schmidtkofer and Jo Ann Johnson for being elected to positions on the tribal Grievance Committee.

Many thank yous are in order in regards to the very successful conclusion of the 23rd annual Citizen Potawatomi Nation Pow-Wow. This was perhaps the most well-attended pow-wow yet and was chock full of activities. It began Thursday evening with an appreciation dinner for all of the regional representatives and thereafter included such items as golf and bowling tournaments, language program, children's activities, health screening, tour of Sacred Heart, General Council meeting and church services. And oh yes, there was also plenty of dancing with over 500 registered dancers.

Many months of planning and preparation go into an event of this magnitude. The pow-wow committee of Bob Trousdale, Mary Farrell,



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

Norman Kiker, Dave Kubiak, Denise Lackey, Esther Lowden, Robert Schmidtkofer and Joie White met many times to plan activities and logistics. In no particular order, special thanks to tribal Chief of Police Dave Kubiak and his officers for providing law enforcement, Health Services Director Joyce Abel, the CHRs and staff for health screening, Title VI director Denise Lackey and staff for coordinating the pow-wow meal, WIC director Shelly Yones and staff for their assistance.

In addition, René Cooper and the staff of the Community and Family Services department for conducting the very popular youth and children's activities; Golf Pro Mike Wood

and crew for another very successful golf tournament as well as for their caretaking of the dance arena grounds; FireLake Lanes manager Ron Everett and his employees who organized their 2nd annual bowling tournament; Employment and Training Director Gary Bibb and staff who not only provided an open house but provided many youth volunteers to assist in the pow-wow activities; Bob Dunning, Robert Schmidtkofer and the staff of the tribal maintenance department who spent many hours preparing for the pow-wow, including the installation of the new lights at the arena.

Thank yous are also in order for the staff of the Potawatomi Museum and Gift Shop who

were open for extended hours over the pow-wow weekend in consideration of the numerous tribal members and other visitors. Also, Marilyn Morton and employees of Potawatomi Tribal Stores #1 and #2 for staying open late as well as operating a booth at the pow-wow.

Not to be forgotten is Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell and her staff who welcomed many visitors to their area, and Tribal Accounting Director Carolyn

Sullivan and Enterprise Accounting Director Susan Blair and their staffs who assisted the pow-wow effort in many ways.

Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker conducted his usual Sunday morning services. Esther Lowden deserves a special thank you for all the time and effort that she expended on the pow-wow. Finally, the Business Committee deserves special appreciation for their continuing support of the annual pow-wow.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Business Committee and Tribal Administration are pleased to be able to offer our pharmacy services to all tribal members, no matter where they live.

To prevent the pharmacy from becoming a financial burden to tribal operations, the pharmacy will begin operating under the following guidelines **Aug. 1, 1996**.

1. All prescriptions dispensed from the Citizens Potawatomi Nation Pharmacy will be charged to all tribal members, and their families, with the following exceptions;

A. Those tribal members bringing prescriptions to the pharmacy from the Shawnee, Oklahoma area Indian Health Service Clinics, provided the medications prescribed fall into the Indian Health Service Drug Formulary. If the medications prescribed are not in the IHS drug formulary, the pharmacy will charge tribal members for those medications.

B. Those tribal members over 60 years of age, provided the medications prescribed fall into the Indian Health Service Drug Formulary. If the medications prescribed are not in the IHS drug formulary, the pharmacy will charge tribal members for those medications.

All tribal members, their spouses and family members, will pay postage costs for mailing their prescriptions to them, regardless of the origin of the prescriptions.

Full details will be included in the next edition of the HowNikan.

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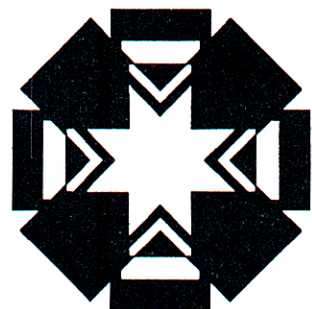


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